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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI TO VISIT FRANCE IN JUNE

1. MEDIA REPORT MARCH 16 THAT NIMEIRI WILL VISIT PARIS DURING FIRST HALF JUNE. SOURCES AT FRENCH EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRM TIME VISIT LIKELY. HOWEVER, DATES NOT YET SET, AND IN FACT TWO SIDES APPEAR TO BE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN MATCHING SCHEDULES NIMEIRI AND GISCARD.

2. COMMENT: FRENCH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT GOS HAD HOPED GISCARD COULD VISIT KHARTOUM, BUT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. GOF THEN WAS FINESSED BY SUDANESE TO INVITE NIMEIRI. THERE NO PRESSING ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN SUDAN AND FRANCE, BUT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MILITARY SALES AND REGIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES LIKELY TO BE REVIEWED. VISIT TO MAJOR EUROPEAN COUNTRY WILL BE SEEN HERE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE NIMEIRI'S RISING STATURE AND GREATER ATTENTION BEING PAID BY IMPORTANT COUNTRIES TO SUDAN.
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IN SHORT, NIMEIRI LIKELY TO BE AS INTERESTED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS AS ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.
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